## INDICTMENT IS DUE . IN BILTMORE CASE

Grand Jury to Get Vouchers for Hotel Charges and Original Bill.

STATE OFFICER ACCUSED

The January Grand Jury is expected to hand down an indictment to-day against a man connected with the causing a false claim to be made to the State Comptroller for the account of the committee with the Hotel Biltmore. It was stated positively at the Criminal

committee, together with the names the wines, cigars, laundry, trunks, rail-road tickets, telegrams, who used the

but a special search revealed them make interesting reading to the They must go before the Grand

Jury before they can be made public.

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Miller, auditor of the hotel, his former The finding of the vouchers, supplemented by the testimony of Eugene D. Miller, auditor of the hotel, his former assistant, McCarren, now living at Atlantic City, and a third man, now an assistant, completed the present phase of the case, so far as Judge Swann and the Bilimore of statements that Gov. Whitman was really the man behind the Assistant District Attorney William. ssistant District Attorney W farman Black are concerned. On before the Grand Jury. He is corrob-

### The original bill of \$5,230, with exact

and correct charges, was presented to Sergeant-at-Arms Hotaling, who had this bill in his possession for at least two days when he reappeared in the Auditor's office with the declaration that it was not in such shape as the committee would like. It could not be learned yesterday just how he worded this statement, but the three hotel men told exactly how

bill be prorated. One of the statements attributed to the sergeant-at-arms was:

he had seen Hotaling.
The sergeant-at-arms had registered out at the Murray Hill Hotel, where he has been stopping of late. It was thought there he was in Albany.

CITY ASKS \$200,000

asked:

Approved in Albany County.

"It must be said at this stage," said
Judge Swann yesterday afternoon, "that
everything we have received so far tends
to corroborate Senator Thompson's declaration that his approval of the bill
in the shape it went to the Comptroller
was given in Albany county. No wit
was given in Albany county. No wit
was been said at this stage," said

"Did you know when you appointed
Mr. Black to investigate the Thompson bill that he, Mr. Black, is also an officer
in a public service corporation which
might be investigated by the investigators who are being inves——?"

"Why, no," was the smiling answer.
"I did not know it when I appointed
him, and would it have made much difference if I had? You see Mr. Black is in the shape it went to the Comptroller was given in Albany county. No witness has said that he had anything whatever to do with the matter in this jurisdiction. Our evidence tends toward one person, the man who gave the orders for changing the form of the bill by the hotel authorities.

"The case is now in shape to go to the Grand Jury and it will be presented formally to-morrow morning. We will have as witnesses the hotel auditor and the two other men who corroborate him."

"I did not know it when I appointed him, and would it have made much difference if I had? You see Mr. Black is also an expert on accounts."

"Yes," he said, "I am sorry to say that I am. I organized a corporation in January, 1915, which was to exploit a particular kind of a light for cars invented by a Brooklyn man. The company has \$100,000 capital and I have about \$7,500 in it. I am also treasurer, and its offices are in my office at 55

the two other men who corroborate him and its offices are in my office at 55 and further the original vouchers or signed checks which were discovered to day. I do not care to say where these were found or how they came to be found. The hotel authorities were war
found in saving that under the gen
tion of the Thompson committee."

ranted in saying that under the general rule they had been destroyed, but they had not been destroyed.

"We are not sure that any other witnesses will be necessary, but they will be forthcoming if needed. Senator Mrs. Belmont to Head Arguing James A. Foley was here to-day and we took his statement. Although he is charged with twenty-five days rooming

the Grand Jury may take, there will be no interference with the work of the Thompson committee. The case will be gone into here thoroughly. If the facts warrant it, at its conclusion I will certify the evidence to the District Attorney of Albany county without comment or county without comment or county without shown.

## LEGISLATURE TO GRANT THOMPSON MORE TIME

Suddenly Shifts Position About Further Public Service Inquiry and Will Pass Necessary Appropriations-Other Committee Expense Investigations Shelved.

With a suddenness which surprised even the Senator himself, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee to-day took

that the vouchers of his committee members will be approved by the Comptroller bers will be approved by the Comptroller corrected, the future would be safe-Some of the legislative leaders ex-

jected to the wholesale circulation from tion would be reached. William choking off process. Senator Brown Minority Le night that he did not intend to let any one else suffer under nities he deemed necessary for his in

will consider the second of the packers expect to clear from 33 1-3 the morning seed on of the packers expect to clear from 33 1-3 the packers expect to the packers expect to

tion of the Thompson committee."

Delegation To-morrow.

took his statement. Although he is charged with twenty-five days rooming and a large sum for restaurant he did not remain one night in the hotel and his only restaurant charge was \$5.25.

"Prosecution in this case is to be under Section 1863 of the Penal Law, which makes it a felony to aid directly or indirectly in the presentation of a false claim against the State. This law has already been explained. I wish to repeat again that no matter what action the Grand Jury may take, there will be no interference with the work of the Thompson committee. The case will be gress.

Attorney who has had charge of the inAttorney who has had charge of the investigation into the bill, was interested
in some company which has a charter to
sell railroad supplies of all kinds, build
subways, erect wharves, own real estate
and do about everything else.

Those who are striving to uncover a

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Committee had placed the Thompson committee resolutions in a position to have the Assembly adopt them to-mor-row that lenator Thompson appeared before the committee in executive session. Mr. McQuistion was also present. Mr. Thompson said he did not intend to make any effort to thwart that Assem-

"Along any special line?" he was Said, against the practice of prorating "Well, I can't say now just what line the investigation will take," he replied.

The Senator can outline his own programme with the arrangement of the first take the practice of proratic expenses of legislative committee mer bers, and he thought it should stopped. It would be consistent for his presented with the arrangement of the first take the has many constitutions. the over the situation, now to accept a bill which at least would prevent any repetition of the Biltmore episode. McQuis-

> The Ways and Means Committee gave Mr. McQuistion assurance that, while no action would be taken in regard to his resolution, the committee respected his resolution, the committee respected is views and eventually a proper solu

### Democrats for an Inquiry.

Minority Leader Joseph M. Callahan Dr. Robert P. Bush and Marty McCue usisted that the Democrats were ready for an investigation. pected that so few in the House fa-

wanted to give Hamilton Fish, Jr., Pro-gressive Assemblyman from Putnam, a chance to explain to the committee in

## TO STOCK UP ON COAL

Strike of Miners Feared, and Plans Are Made to Supply Departments.

chasing committee requested permission from the Board of Aldermen yesterday to purchase \$200,000 worth of coal on open market orders in anticipation of a case of incompatibility."

Mrs. Herrick said that they were married June 9, 1894. "We went to open market orders in anticipation of a strike of the miners when their agreement with the operators expires in April. If allowed the purchases will be made for Bellevue and allied hospitals and the Departments of Public Charities, Correction, Health, Fire, Police, Parks, Street Cleaning, Docks and Ferries, Water Supply, Gas and Electricity and Bridges, besides all boroughs and the armory board. These departments are provided with coal to last until March 31 and the purchases would be made before June 1. The committee, which is composed of the Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, City Chamberlain and the Borough President of Brooklyn, believes that better prices can be obtained if this method is adopted. The application, which was referred to the committee on public letting, says:

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"It is intended to lay in an additional supply of stock wherever storage facili
"The Harricks are cousing. They were

ties are available to meet requirements up to May 31. The amount of coal will exceed \$200,000, but we wish first to ascertain the feasibility of the plan proposed before requesting your board to take action with respect to the feasibility of the plan proposed before requesting your board to take action with respect to a larger

### FORAKER'S PRIDE HURT.

of Albany county without comment or suggestion. Only that which is shown to belong to New York county will be tried here."

There was considerable flurry about the Criminal Courts Building yesterday when it was discovered that William Harman Black, the Assistant District Attorney who has had charge of the investigation into the bill, was interested in some company which has a charter to

# BRIBERY CHARGE SPLIT CHARITY BODY

Hebberd Testifies He Refused to Pay \$50 for Prof. Dug-

favorable to Johnson's company, ought to be worth \$5,000. The witness said he had no authority to decide a matter of that kind and agreed to take it up with the directors of the Union company. Johnson and other witnesses described the calling of Albant, Jan. 25.—Senator George F. Thompson's legislative committee is going to resume investigating the New York city Public Service Commission, and if he fails to hit "the warm trail" when in fact there was no basis for it except my own inapt, though well intensional suggestion."

Senator Thompson intended no question of paying \$5,000 how finally after deciding not to do so how finally after deciding not to do so they proceeded to reorganize the company by electing Upterraft president and throwing out Col. Prout and Johnson got a job almost immediately with the General Railway Signal Commany of Rochester, the company which pany of Rochester, the company which pany of Rochester, the company which later got the contract for installing a signal system in the Fourth avenue sub-way in Brooklyn.

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CUT PRICES OF FOOD

## BEEF PACKERS FRAME THROUGH ADVERTISING A CORNER ON POULTRY

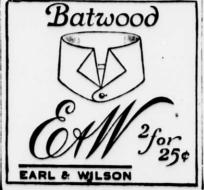
of State Department of Foods and Markets.

Mrs. Harriet P. Herrick against Robert Herrick, novelist and professor of Engish in the University of Chicago, resembles "One Woman's Life." his latest ok. Judge McDonald in the Superior Mrs. Herrick a decree.

Robert M. Lovett, also a professor in the university and a mutual friend of

the Herricks for twenty-five years, was "Why did they separate?" asked the

The Board of Estimate's central pur-hasing committee requested permission "Oh, financial, social and various



## WOOD INDICTED ON CUT IN EXPENSE BILL HOUSE SOLD OUT TO SEE A TAMER BALLET RUSSE HEAR NEW RELIEF PLAN

Features Objected To Before Magistrate McAdoo Eliminated, Though Directo Serge de Diaghileff Calls Police Interference "a Most Idiotic Affair."

More than ordinary interest centred Mr. Brown opened the conference by about the performance of the Serge de Diaghileff Ballet Russe at the Century Opera House last evening. The big lie morals, and that they were will-ALLEGES FALSE REPORT

Robert W. Hebberd, secretary of the State Board of Charities, yesterday told Commissioner Charles H. Strong, who is investigating the State charities, that sort in Maine to New York city as a

gan's Trip From Maine.

mittee with the Boustinstance force F. Temporal will not be a second to the work of the committee and 18,000 more move for its work of the control of the "searn trail" open to be season to the work of the control of the season to the third of the season to the control of the season to the third of the season to the control of the committee and season to the seas

was also a banker and broker at 43 Ex-change place. He has repeatedly denied the assertions of Johnson with respect to the Centre street loop contract.

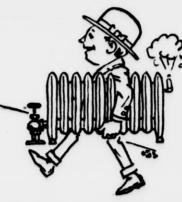
Plan of Commissioner Dillon State Food Department Receives Warning From Chicago-Prices to Soar.

the wholesale and retail price of, say, eggs, for instance, that had been shipped as 23 cents a pound for roasting chick

The expected scoop, it is said, is one of the biggest things in its line ever

Court Indicates.

The New York Woman Suffrage party yesterday reelected Miss Mary Garrett Hay, chairman; Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren, vice-chairman; Mrs. Harriet Wells, secretary, and Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich, treasurer. The convention will be highly January. The convention will be held Januar House, 221 East Fifteenth street.



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Broadway

# see whether the ballet director would carry out the instructions of the police and Chief Magistrate McAdoo to tone down and eliminate several of the alleged objectionable features of "L'Apresmedid d'un Faune," which was the offering. Mrs. Astor was greatly interested is aroused from a reverie on the rocks by the coming of a band of nymphs, who the com dance around him drives them away in fright. One leaves drives them away in fright. One leaves and falls upon. It was agreed that the say whether he had made any changes. "Wait and see," was his only comment. The audience waited and discovered that the changed. "Wait and see," was his only comment. The audience waited and discovered that the changed.

could be so toned down that the artistic effect would not suffer. Commissioner Dunham said there was never the slightthe most interesting thing at yester-day morning's conference before Magis-trate McAdoo to settle the moral status of the ballet, was the conversational description of the dances, against the influence of which reporters were influence of which reporters were

description of the dances, against the formance, influence of which reporters were guarded by being kept outside and from which one of the women critics fied to the street with the explanation that she street with the explanation that she start proceedings now," he said "This Curting Mars Alexander Kobins In Street, In Rev. 1 of the knew no bounds.

"It seems a bit abnormal after I the control of the women critics field to the street with the explanation that she played the fault 130 or 140 times to the knew no bounds. street with the explanation that she played the faun 130 or 140 times to gradually must telephone at once. It was a sort of collaborated description one gathered from the remarks of system and other persons who took ret after it was all over. Some, indigning the woman critic who fled, didn't or moral according to the attitude of the state of cluding the woman critic who fled, didn't think the ballets were very very bad, but Howard Clark Barber of the So-

NO TRACE OF HOTEL THIEVES.

Hackett's Tennis Trophies. The police have been unable so far ing that as a result of the c on New Year's eve jimmied into the apartment of Harold H. Hackett in the in this Hotel Netherland and carried off six-teen trophies he had won in tennis chamincrea.

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# MRS. ASTOR'S GUESTS

Human Repair Shop and Places to Try Out Unemployed Urged by Whiting.

eons," growing out of Mrs. Vincent tor's interest in bundle day work Seventy-eighth street, yesterday Opera House last evening. The big house was sold out long before the doors were opened and hundreds of persons were turned away. They all wanted to see whether the ballet director would carry out the instructions of the police scriptions of them in the programmes chief programmes chief programmes constitutions of the police scriptions of them in the programmes chief programmes constitutions of the police scriptions of the minimum that they were will-juncheon will deal with some special relationship to make the ballets inoffensive. The two dances in question were "L'Appres-Midi augustion of the police scriptions of them in the programmes chief problem. Yesterday. Each plant of the suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. The two dances in question were "L'Appres-Midi augustion of a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. The two dances in question were "L'Appres-Midi augustion of the police scriptions of them in the programmes chief problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. The two dances in question were "L'Appres-Midi augustion of the police scriptions of the police scriptions of the problem. Yesterday. Each plant of the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the topic was a suggested plan of assistance for embedding the problem. Yesterday the problem is the problem of the problem. Yesterday the problem of the problem of

> An Orgy Depleted.
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> In "Scheherazade" an orgy takes places in the harem during the absence of the building should be obtained." M Whiting told Mrs. Astor's greets, the harem during the absence of the building big enough to house several during the inmates and negro visions of social service. be physical examinations to

Ing." as it was described by censors of the dance, will be eliminated.

Mr. Seligsberg said after the conference that he thought the performance could be no total described by censors of the dance.

"It is not fair to recommend men to employers, and sooner of the conference of the Lillian D. Wald, Miss Ruth Mo

Mayor's committee on une told the supporters of the meeting in the United Charities in this city than there were in Jan

1915. The amount of wages paid has nereased 25 per cent, he added. "The committee is being reorganize plonships. Mr. Hackett was passing the holidays at Atlantic City, but the robbery was discovered soon after it oc-

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